

TROY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020, 5:00 PM

The Town of Troy Board of Commissioners met in the Board Room of the Troy Town Hall with Mayor Sherri Harris Allgood presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Allgood, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Hamilton, Commissioners Kayren Brantley, Angela Elkins, Wallace Jones and Damon Prince (on the telephone).

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** No one was absent.

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Greg Zephir, Clerk/Finance Officer Cathy Maness, Police Chief James Atkins,

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Tammy Dunn with the Montgomery Herald

**OTHERS PRESENT:** No one was present.

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Allgood called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton gave the invocation. Mayor Allgood led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**STATE OF EMERGENCY – COVID-19:** Mayor Allgood stated we have some decisions to make regarding the pandemic – COVID-19. Mgr. Zephir presented a list of items that Town Staff will be doing during the next few weeks that the state is considering measures for protection. Also included are area that town staff is requesting approval of, based on what other localities are doing.

- The Troy-Montgomery Senior Center has shut down operations, with the exception of continuing to be a hub for home delivered meals to be disbursed. In addition to this, senior center staff is continuing to work with the county to ensure those that would have attended the congregate nutrition site continue to receive food. As it stands right now, the "idea" is to allow for RCATS to bring the participants to the center and staff will go out and provide curbside service by delivering the "Grab and Go" meals to the passengers.
- Senior Center staff will continue to be accessible at the center via telephone for those that may call in with questions. Staff will also work to completely disinfect and sanitize the entire center
- Staff has brought in an individual to smoke and fog all of the duct work at the town hall, senior center, fire department, police station, Denson Creek facilities and public works facilities. This procedure will assist in eliminating any mold, spores, viruses, or bacteria that may have been present.
- Town staff has reached out to the entertainment providers about the postponing of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> concert at the Troy TownStage. The April 16<sup>th</sup> event is still on schedule since we are a month out, however, that will be reassessed within the next week to ten (10) days.
- Chief Atkins has already listed to his officers guidelines as it pertains to utilizing gloves at all times, per CDC standards facemasks are optional; attempt to handle non-emergency calls over the phone, and when possible maintain a 6-foot distance from individuals.
- Postpone the annual Firemen's Dinner, next Monday for a date to be determined.

Other areas that town staff is requesting approval of, and based on what other localities are doing, are:

- Allow for staff only access to municipal facilities;
- Direct all water/sewer customers and those wishing to pay taxes to utilize the drive-through window
- Currently all customers are granted three (3) extensions over a two (2) year period on their water/sewer bill without a reconnect fee. Staff is requesting that the town's water/sewer policy/disconnection policy be amended and an additional "hold" be granted to each customer for bills due March 20<sup>th</sup>, with extensions to be held no longer than April 5<sup>th</sup> and no disconnection of service until after that date. Staff is trying to reduce the hardship on all citizens and customers who may be affected, while at the same time maintain the town's fiduciary responsibility with regards to ensuring that the enterprise system brings in the amount of revenue needed to pay the bills.
- Issue a State of Emergency. This is an anticipation of any issues becoming greater than what they are now, and ensuring by doing so the town will be able to apply for state and federal funding under both the state and federal declarations of emergency. A draft "State of Emergency" is attached for your review.

Keep greenspaces and "open" parks open for use, but lock all bathroom facilities

Comm. Jones asked if volunteers are need for help with services. Mgr. Zephir stated Schools are continuing to provide lunch sites for children from 11-1 to assure that children receiving free or reduced lunches get to eat. Montgomery Community College, beginning tomorrow, will be telecommunicating from home. Tammy Dunn stated the schools are extending their 'hot' spots into the parking lots at schools for children with no internet access. Mayor Allgood stated the purpose of calling this meeting is to reduce the possibility of wide-spread of this disease. Motion was made by Comm. Jones with second

by Comm. Elkins to approve the Manager's safety/emergency measures as presented. All voted approval.

Mayor Allgood read the State of Emergency Proclamation that she would be signing effective Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
Town of Troy, North Carolina**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Troy is taking preemptive measures in light of the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the National State of Emergency that was issued on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described pandemic, the Town has determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe illness, and in extreme cases, the loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Troy, NC under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title III, Chapter 35, Section 35.02 of the Town of Troy Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the corporate jurisdiction of the Town of Troy.

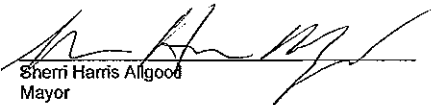
**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be the Town's entire corporate jurisdiction.

**Section 3.** I hereby order all Town of Troy law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to the Town of Troy's control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Montgomery County/Town of Troy Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 4.** I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the Clerk to the City Council and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

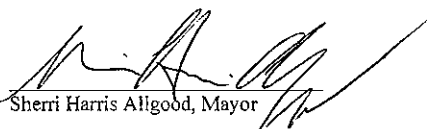
**Section 5.** This declaration shall take effect at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED** this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March at 5:00 p.m.

  
Sherri Harris Allgood  
Mayor

  
Cathy M. Maness  
City Clerk

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM on motion by Comm. Jones and second by Comm. Elkins. All voted approval.

  
Sherri Harris Allgood, Mayor

Respectively submitted,

  
Cathy M. Maness, Clerk